


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 5/16/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Authorization of Additional Funds for the Virginia Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families

The Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (CSA), enacted by the General Assembly, requires local government to provide certain services to troubled youth as defined by the Virginia Department of Social Services and the special education programs of the public school division.

In meeting all such requirements, the County of York provides only those services that are mandated by the CSA and serves only those youth and families that are defined by the Act as mandated populations. The County does not provide any services that would be classified as discretionary under the Act.

The York-Poquoson Department of Social Services and the York County School Division presently have responsibility for 39 children receiving services under the CSA. Of this total, the County supports 28 children, the School Division supports 8 children, and both the County and the School Division support 3 children who require services from both agencies. From FY2005 to FY2006, there has been a total increase of 9 social services cases, which represents a 47 percent increase. In addition, the providers of specialized and therapeutic foster care have increased their charges for services. The state has not imposed any controls over what these facilities may charge localities for CSA-related treatment expenses. Costs are projected to exceed the current state allocation for CSA funds. An additional \$150,000 allocation in state funds has been requested, and the appropriation authority is granted through Resolution R05-9. Proposed Resolution R06-63 has been prepared for the Board's consideration to appropriate the \$100,000 local match in the Virginia Public Assistance Fund for the balance of this fiscal year. The funding necessary for the local match is available in the General Fund contingency reserve.

Given that these are mandated services, and the County is required to provide the local match, I am recommending that the Board adopt proposed Resolution R06-63 as attached to appropriate the necessary funds as indicated above.

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Attachment:

- Proposed Resolution R06-63